# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF STATIONERY
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Directorate of Purchase Air Headquarters caused an extra expenditure of Rs. 43 lakhs by floating a new tender enquiry on December 23, 1994 to 12 other firms when a tender had already been floated and based on that the indenting directorate sent all the requisite papers for procuring the items before expiry of validity of the quotation as has been pointed out by the CAG in its report 8 of 2001 (Air Force and Navy) in paragraph 13 on page 37-38;

(b) if so, whether the Government have enquired into the matter and fixed the responsibility and accountability of the persons concerned;

(c) if so, the measures taken to ensure transparency in the purchases of any sort in his Ministry, service headquarters and inter-service headquarters; and

(d) the reasons for not throwing open tender for purchasing of stationery and other items by his Ministry?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): In view of the fact that the prices quoted by the Original Equipment Manufacture (OEM) was exorbitant, the Directorate of Puchase, Air Headquarters with an intention to generate competition floated a tender in a genuine effort to bring down the cost of paper. This view of the Air Headquarters have been agreed to by the Audit Authority and has been duly recommended to the Ministry of Finance (Monitoring Cell) for further appropriate action.Since no malafide intentions have been established and as procurements are being made strictly as per procurement procedure as laid down on DGS&D rate, no inquiry has been instituted.